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CONGRESSMAN PITTENGER: GOOD LEADERS, DEDICATED TEACHERS KEY TO MOORESVILLE'S SUCCESS

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09) released this statement as President Obama travels to Mooresville:

"The Mooresville Graded School District is one of the premiere public school systems in America, and I am thankful that Dr. Mark Edwards, his staff, and their wonderful students are receiving additional praise. Every student should have the opportunity to attend a school district as fantastic as Mooresville.

Since Dr. Edwards arrived in 2007, end-of-grade test scores have soared to the 2nd highest level in all of North Carolina, the graduation rate is now the 3rd highest in the state, and Mooresville has become a nationally-recognized model for integrating technology into the classroom.

President Obama should pay close attention to their method of success, and also to the fact that Mooresville has one of the smallest budgets out of the 115 school districts in North Carolina.

More money and more bureaucrats do not lead to success.

Good leaders, dedicated teachers, and proactive community involvement is the key, especially when we give them the freedom to make decisions at the local level.

Mr. Obama, there is much our Washington bureaucrats can learn from Mooresville. Thank you for visiting.

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